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(57) ABSTRACT

An apparatus comprises a body, a shaft assembly, and an end effector. The shaft assembly extends distally from the body. The end effector is in communication with the shaft assembly. The end effector comprises a first jaw and a second jaw. The second jaw comprises a proximal portion and a distal portion. The second jaw is moveable relative to the first jaw between a first position, a second position, and a third position. The second jaw in the first position is open relative to the first jaw. The second jaw in the second position is positioned such that the distal portion is closer to the first jaw than the proximal portion. The second jaw in the third position is parallel the first jaw.

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